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SUBJECT: SENATE REPORT ON 1976 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

DOTA NO. 197-AS

THE SENATE REPORT ON UR APPROPRIATION FOR 1976, IS AS
FOLLOWS.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AN APPROPRIATION OF TWENTY TWO POINT
ZERO MILLION DOLLARS INCREASING THE BUDGET ESTIMATE BY
SEVEN POINT MILLION DOLLARS AND THE HOUSE ALLOWANCE BY
SEVEN POINT MILLION DOLLARS. FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 IN
THE WAKE OF A SEVERE DROUGHT IN AMERICAN SAMOA, THE
COMMITTEE PROVIDED EMERGENCY OPERATING ASSISTANCE OF
NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HELP OFFSET SOME OF
THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS.

THE RECOMMENDED INCREASE FOR FY 76 IS TO SUPPLEMENT
AMERICAN SAMOA'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, WHICH
AS BEEN SUPPORTED IN THE PAST ENTIRELY BY LOCAL REVENUES.
HE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE DROUGHT HAS SHARPLY REDUCED
THESE REVENUES AND UNDERCUT THE SAMOAN GOVERNMENT'S
ABILITY TO FINANCE NEEDED PROJECTS.

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NO CHANGE IS RECOMMENDED IN THE THREE POINT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS BUDGET REQUEST AND HOUSE ALLOWANCE FOR THE TRANSITION QUARTER.

THE COMMITTEE CONCURS IN THE HOUSE COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE THAT THREE HUNDRED FOURTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS IN AMERICAN SAMOA, THE TOTAL TO DERIVED FROM BOTH FEDERAL AND LOCAL FUNDS.

THE FULL SENATE APPROVED THE APPROPRIATION BILL ON 11/18/75. BILL NOW GOES TO CONFERENCE. COPY OF REPORT WILL FOLLOW BY LETTER. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. DOTA SENDS.

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